

**January-  
February  
2014**

# KIDS KRAZE

Programs and activities  
offered by



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
parks and recreation

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NEW  
LOCATION!



Children's Expo  
is presented by:



## Children's Expo CALL OF THE WILD

Saturday, February 8 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m. • FREE  
Batchelor Middle School, 900 W. Gordon Pk.

The Children's Expo features free health screenings for children ages 10 years and younger. Explore the expo hall with its interactive booths, live entertainment, and exhibitors with products and services just for children and families.



## Tae Kwon Do

Build self-confidence, develop self-discipline and learn how to defend yourself. The art of tae kwon do teaches all of these things and more. Instructors: Monroe County Martial Arts

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
\$45/in-city, \$50/non-city • For ages 6–15 yrs.  
Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.  
Class does not meet 3/18 or 3/20.

### Beginning Youth

6–6:45 p.m. White belts only.

3/4–4/24 • Register by 2/27 (Code 77504-B)

### Intermediate Youth

6:45–7:30 p.m. Yellow belt and above.

3/4–4/24 • Register by 2/27 (Code 77505-B)

## The Great Outdoors

Children under age 12 yrs. must be  
accompanied by a registered adult.

### Winter Survival Skills

It's cold and you're lost in the wilderness. Do you know what to do? Practice hands-on survival techniques that may help keep you alive in an emergency. This program is held entirely outdoors, so dress accordingly. Warm drinks are provided.

Sa 2/1 • 10:30 a.m.–noon • Register by 1/29 (Code 74012-A)  
\$5/in-city, \$6/non-city • For ages 6 yrs. and up  
Winslow Woods Park, 2120 S. Highland Ave.

### Winter Woods Tree ID Hike

Get outside for a short hike before spring arrives to learn how to identify trees by their structure, bark, and leaf buds. Trees keep fascinating secrets during the colder weather, but those secrets are revealed in this hands-on class. Bundle up and meet at the park for this all-outdoors program! Warm drinks are provided.

Sa 2/22 • 2–3 p.m. • Register by 2/19 (Code 74011-A)  
\$3/in-city, \$4/non-city • For all ages.

Winslow Woods Park, 2120 S. Highland Ave.

### For the Birds

Get ready for spring by building two simple bird feeders that will attract a wide variety of birds to your yard. Easy-to-follow instructions, assistance with assembly, and all necessary tools are provided during the program. Build the feeders by yourself, or as part of a group. Each registration fee includes two bird feeders, so register for the number of feeders you would like to build and not for every person attending.

F 2/28 • 6–7 p.m. • Register by 2/25 (Code 74004-A)

\$20/in-city, \$22/non-city • For all ages.

Twin Lakes Lodge, 2350 W. Bloomfield Rd.

### Maple Syrup Made Easy

A maple tree is all it takes to experience the sweetness of homemade maple syrup. During this hands-on workshop, discuss tree identification, equipment, collection and syruping techniques, and learn the history of maple syrup and sugar. Take-home instructions are supplied, along with a taste of the final product in multiple forms. This class is held outdoors, so please dress accordingly.

Sa 3/1 • 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • Register by 2/26 (Code 74013-A)  
\$6/in-city, \$7/non-city • For ages 8 yrs. and up.

RCA Community Park, 1400 W. RCA Park Dr.

## break days

Summer fun ...  
when school's out!

Stay active during school breaks  
with Break Days, presented by  
Bloomington Parks and Recreation and MCCSC.

Spend your break days hanging out with your friends, exploring the city and IU campus on field trips, staying physically active playing sports and games, and getting in touch with nature!

Binford Elementary School,  
2300 E. Second St.

7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Break Days are for students in grades K-6.

Registration fee is \$35/student/day, and includes  
all snacks, field trips, etc. for the entire day.

Online registration is not available for Break Days.  
To register, visit [bloomington.in.gov/kidcity](http://bloomington.in.gov/kidcity) to  
download the registration and health forms. Register in  
person at the Bloomington Parks and Recreation office.

For registration and scholarship information, call 349-3700.  
For inclusion services or more information on Break Days  
activities, call 349-3747.



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March 2014						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

■ = Break Day!



## Seusspicious Behavior

Saturday, March 1 • 1–4 p.m.

For all ages. • FREE  
Monroe County Public Library,  
303 E. Kirkwood Ave.

A Read Across America birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss.

Co-sponsored by:



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Designed for the beginning through advanced player, this league focuses on responsible competition, including skill building and a complete understanding of the game. Several levels of play are offered, ranging from tee ball to fastpitch for players ages 4–15 yrs. Each player receives a full competition-quality uniform. This league is instructed and overseen by certified youth sports professionals, ensuring a quality experience for all players and parents. Players can play up, or in more than one league, with the approval of league commissioner. Please note special requests for team placements (e.g. on the same team as friends) on the registration form. We make every attempt to accommodate special requests. **For more information, contact Jeigh Hockersmith at 349-3774 or [hockersj@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:hockersj@bloomington.in.gov).**

Games are played mostly on weekdays with the possibility of some weekend games. Participants play one to two games a week with one practice per week. Practices are conducted April 12–July 18. League concludes with a post-season tournament. **Players registering after March 28 will be assessed a \$10 late registration fee. Registrations will not be accepted after April 3. \$80/in-city, \$90/non-city • Days, dates, times, and locations TBD**

My daughter was born in:	Her league is:	Registration code is:	Registration deadline:	Her team placement day at Lower Cascades ballfields* Wear comfortable clothes, cleats, and bring your gear.	Duration of league:
2007, 2008, or 2009	Intro League Coach Pitch/Tee ball (6U)	77203-A	4/3	Sunday, April 6, noon–12:30 p.m.	4/12–7/18
2005 or 2006	Mid-Minor League Coach Pitch (8U)	77203-B	4/3	Sunday, April 6, 12:30–1 p.m.	4/12–7/18
2003 or 2004	Minor League Player Pitch (10U)	77203-C	4/3	Sunday, April 6, 1–1:30 p.m.	4/12–7/18
2001 or 2002	Mid-Major League Player Pitch (12U)	77203-D	4/3	Sunday, April 6, 1:30–2 p.m.	4/12–7/18
1999 or 2000	Major League Player Pitch (14U)	77203-E	4/3	Sun., April 6, 2–2:30 p.m.	4/12–7/18
In middle school in 2013 or 2014	Middle School League Player Pitch	77203-F	4/3	You will be contacted by your coach.	4/12–7/18

\*If you cannot attend team placement day during these times, contact Jeigh Hockersmith at 349-3774 or [hockersj@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:hockersj@bloomington.in.gov) to discuss your player’s playing ability and/or a make-up time.  
**In the event of rain, call the Outdoor Sports Hotline at 349-3610 and press option #1 for further instructions. If it rains, your team placement day still takes place; the Hotline will inform you of the indoor location for team placement.**  
**Middle School League:** please note which middle school the player will attend in Fall 2014 on the registration form.

### Coaches wanted!

**For more information about volunteering to coach, contact volunteer coordinator Kim Ecenbarger at 349-3739.** Selected coaches are strongly encouraged to attend the coaches meeting immediately following player evaluations at Lower Cascades ballfields on Sunday, April 6. We will discuss rules, league placement, and practice progression/techniques. In the event of rain, the meeting will be held at the same location as player evaluations. If you cannot attend, contact Jeigh Hockersmith to go over information discussed at the meeting.  
All selected coaches must complete an online coaching certification course from either the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) or the Amateur Softball Association (ASA). The certification fee is \$25. Scholarships are available to offset expenses associated with the online training. For more information, contact Jeigh Hockersmith at 349-3774 or [hockersj@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:hockersj@bloomington.in.gov).

## Fastpitch Pitching Clinic **NEW!**

The Bloomington Girls Softball League is offering a pitching clinic open to girls age 8–14 yrs. During this four-week program, girls advance through different skills associated with becoming an accurate pitcher. Participants must provide their own catchers. Space is limited to 10 pitchers per age group.

**Ages 8–10 yrs. M 2/17–3/10 • 6–7 p.m. • \$40 • Register by 2/14 (Code 77202-A) • Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.**  
**Ages 11–14 yrs. M 2/17–3/10 • 7–8 p.m. • \$40 • Register by 2/14 (Code 77202-B) • Banneker Community Center 930 W. Seventh St.**

## FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA, 2100 S. Henderson St.



### PARTY ROOM RENTALS

Rent the rinkside party room for your next birthday, holiday, company party, or just for a group of friends. Call 349-3762 for more information or to make a reservation.

### LUNAR Public Skating

Every Saturday night! Ice skate in a specially lit, lunar-like arena while listening to the best hits of the '80s, '90s and today courtesy of the Arena's super-watt sound system. Groups of all sizes and skaters of all ability levels are welcome!  
**Saturdays, October 12–February 22 7–9 p.m. • For all ages.**  
**\$6 admission, \$3 skate rental**  
*Lunar Skating involves the use of strobe and other special effect lighting.*



Ice Information Hotline: 349-3741

### Public Skating Sessions

**Rink Season: October 11–February 28**

Monday–Friday: Noon–2:30 p.m.  
Friday: 7–9 p.m.  
Saturday: 12:30–2 p.m.  
7–9 p.m. (Lunar Skating)  
9:15–11 p.m. (Night Owl)  
Sunday: 3–5 p.m.

General Admission: \$6  
Skate Rental: \$3  
Skate Sharpening: \$5 and \$6 (immediate service)  
Economy Pass: \$54 (10 sessions, excludes skate rental)

All sessions subject to change or cancellation.



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